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Government forces are consolidating their positions around Plei Djereng in Pleiku Province against light enemy resistance. [REDACTED] 25X1X

25X1X [REDACTED] the Communists are readying counterattacks, but we have no indications of unit movements in the area that would suggest such action is imminent. The North Vietnamese have sizable forces near the camp, however, and could go on the attack with little warning. The press reports extremely heavy shelling yesterday--about 1,000 rounds of artillery, rocket and mortar fire--against the government's defense line north of Kontum City in the highlands. Press reports also state that sharp fighting in the central delta province of Dinh Tuong has cost the Communists heavily in casualties. (SECRET/NO FOREIGN DISSEM)

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